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SUBJ: CIVAIR, KAL PURCHASE OF LEASE ON DC-10

REF: BANGKOK 32524

1. KAL SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
WAS REACHED DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN SEOUL MONDAY, NOVEMBER
29, FOR KAL TO TAKE OVER AIR SIAM LEASE OF DOUGLAS DC-10.

2. BECAUSE OF LEGAL AND FINANCIAL COMPLICATIONS TWO
MODALITIES ARE BEING EXPLORED A) KAL TO LEASE DIRECTLY
FROM AIR SIAM, OR B) MCDONNELL DOUGLAS TO REPOSSESS
THE AIRCRAFT AND THEN LEASE PLANE TO KAL. ACCORDING TO
KAL SOURCE, BOTH POSSIBILITIES ARE BEING EXPLORED BUT
IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE ALL THE PROBLEMS CAN BE
SOLVED.

3. SEOUL PRESS DECEMBER 1 QUOTES REUTER DISPATCH
FROM BANGKOK THAT DC 10 LEASE HAS BEEN SOLD FOR "A
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY", CITING AIR SIAM SPOKESMAN.
KAL OFFICIAL STATES THIS REPORT OVERSTATED ACTUAL
RESULTS MONDAY'S DISCUSSIONS, BUT WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM
OR DENY THAT SOME FINANCIAL TRANSACTION MAY HAVE TAKEN
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PLACE.

4. KAL'S ACQUISITION OF THE DC 10 LEASE MAKES SENSE FOR
KOREAN AIRLINES WHICH IS UNDERTAKING EXPANSION OF
SERVICES TO MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE. AN AVIATION AGREEMENT
WAS RECENTLY CONCLUDED BETWEEN KOREA AND SAUDI
ARABIA TO ESTABLISH AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
AT PRESENT KAL HAS BEEN FLYING PASSENGERS BETWEEN SEOUL
AND ZURICH VIA BAHREIN ONCE A WEEK.
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